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Arts Commission now accepting online applications for arts in education grants

(Indianapolis, Indiana) – The Indiana Arts Commission (IAC) announced today it is now accepting online applications for its arts in education program.

“This marks the second year for this program designed to support curriculum needs, and impact individual student engagement and performance at the primary and secondary levels,” said Lewis C. Ricci, IAC executive director. “In the year since this program was launched it has been exciting to see how the individual investments made to the Indiana Cultural Trust Fund are paying off by encouraging young people who will be Indiana’s next generation of artists and arts patrons.”

The IAC anticipates funding approximately 12 to 13 applications with grants up to \$5,000. Applicants must match dollar for dollar the IAC grant awarded with school funds, contributed funds, in-kind donations, or services. Funding may not replace or supplant existing resources. Project activities must take place during the scheduled school day and may not fund afterschool or summer activities.

“The Indiana Arts Commission believes the arts are essential to a balanced, quality education and a vehicle for increasing critical thinking skills,” Ricci said. “Schools will be asked to develop a balanced and working partnership with a qualified artist, organization, business, or group to help develop and implement a successful project.”

The arts in education grant program is open to any Indiana pre-kindergarten through 12th grade public, private, or parochial school. Grant guidelines and application are currently available online at: www.in.gov/arts/2420.htm

Applicants are encouraged to carefully read the grant guidelines as there have been a number of changes since last year.

Applications must be submitted through the Indiana Cultural Grants Online (<http://indiana.cgweb.org/>) no later than October 1st, 2009. Projects must include a planning phase and implementation plan between January 1, 2010 and December 31, 2010.

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